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TAGS: MPOL, XF  
SUBJECT: AMIR OF QATAR PRIVATELY SUPPORTS PRESIDENT SADAT OF

EGYPT

REF: DOHA 1350 (NOTAL)

1. DR. HASSAN KAMEL, ADVISOR TO THE GOVERNMENT OF QATAR,  
TELEPHONED ME AT HOME THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 19 TO CONFIRM THAT  
AMIR KHALIFA FULLY SUPPORTED WHAT KAMEL HAD TOLD ME EARLIER IN  
THE DAY (REFTEL) RE QATAR'S SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT SADAT OF EGYPT.  
IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION THE AMIR HAD TOLD KAMEL THAT  
PRESIDENT SADAT WAS HIS CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND. THE AMIR HAD  
EVERY CONFIDENCE IN SADAT'S INTEGRITY, HE ADMIRERED THE EGYPTIAN

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PRESIDENT'S POLITICAL COURAGE AND THERE WAS NO CHANCE THAT QATAR  
WOULD CRITICIZE SADAT'S VISIT TO ISRAEL. HOWEVER, THE AMIR WAS  
DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT IF SADAT'S VISIT DID NOT LEAD TO GENERAL  
MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS, THE VISIT WOULD BACKFIRE AND SADAT'S  
POSITION WOULD BE ENDANGERED. THE AMIR WANTED THE UNITED STATES  
TO KNOW THAT IT BEARS A GREATER RESPONSIBILITY THAN EVER TO  
ASSURE THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE LAUNCHED THAT WILL LEAD TO

PERMANENT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

2. COMMENT: QATAR GRANTS CLOSE TO \$400 MILLION A YEAR TO THE SO-CALLED ARAB CONFRONTATION STATES OF EGYPT, SYRIA AND JORDAN. THIS CONSTITUTES A FIFTH OF ITS OIL INCOME AND EQUALS AT TENTH OF THE TOTAL INCOME OF THE COUNTRY. THERE IS THUS THE KEENEST KIND OF MATERIAL INTEREST IN SEEING A COMPREHENSIVE MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT ACHIEVED, BECAUSE THE PORTION OF ITS GRANTS GOING FOR MILITARY PURPOSES COULD THEN BE SAVED. BUT LOOKING BEYOND THE MONEY, QATAR AND PERHAPS SOME OF THE OTHER GULF STATES AS WELL ARE RELATIVELY FRAGILE POLITICAL STRUCTURES DEPENDENT IN THE LONG RUN ON THE SURVIVAL OF SUCH MODERATE ARAB POLITICAL LEADERS AS PRESIDENT SADAT. THAT IS WHY WE CAN BE SURE THAT AMIR KHALIFA MEANS IT WHEN HE SAYS HE SUPPORTS PRESIDENT SADAT AND WISHES HIS DRAMATIC POLITICAL INITIATIVE WELL. FOR IF SADAT SHOULD FAIL AND REALLY RADICAL LEADERSHIP TAKE CONTROL OF THE LEADING ARAB STATE, THE LONG TERM OUTLOOK FOR QATAR WOULD BECOME GRIM. END COMMENT.  
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